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The National Intelligence Projections for Planning (NIPP) issued at the end of 1969 said that the judgments for the period for the two years from mid-1969 through mid-1971 were considered relatively confident judgments.

As miraculous as the advancements in satellite reconnaissance have been, we cannot, of course, put our sole trust in these collections.

The construction of facilities, deployment of forces and weapons systems, construction and launching of naval vessels and the testing of ballistic missiles and nuclear weapons are to differing degrees subject to intelligence collection by satellite reconnaissance vehicles of various types because these activities have reached the stage where they can be detected by photographic, electronic or other sensors. However, the status of the opponent's research and development in any given field, and his nearness to a scientific breakthrough in some new weapon system, can be hidden from satellite eyes and ears; therefore other means must be used to keep abreast of the opposition's scientific and technological progress.

NRO review(s) completed.